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**South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Held at the following location and via teleconference:

220 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 403
Columbia, SC 29210

I. Call to Order

Mr. Prince called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The agenda had been posted in accordance with legal requirements and the school was open to the public to attend the meeting.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Gary Prince, Adam Hall and Frank Thomas (in person); Meka Childs, Rebecca Battle-Bryant, Joe Baxter and Ashley Hinson (via phone);

Guests Present: Amanda Ebel, School Leader (in person); Kyle Michel, Kyle Michel Law Firm; Brian Rosta, Tanya Lee, Brian Packer and Laura Coleman, Pearson Online & Blended Learning (POBL) staff (all via phone).

III. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

IV. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Prince asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting and properly noticed and posted per the legal requirements. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 20, 2018 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Annual Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Oral Reports

a. School Leader's Report

i. Graduation Reminder and End of Year Activities Update

Ms. Ebel provided the Board with an update on the recent graduation ceremony and end of year school activities. The Board discussed graduation in detail with Ms. Ebel.

b. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial materials included in the Board materials. She reviewed the changes in the financials and the forecasted expenses since the last meeting's statements, enrollment funding, projected fund balance, employee benefits and specific expenses. The Board discussed the financials in detail with Ms. Lee and Ms. Ebel.

VI. Consent Agenda

Mr. Prince asked the Board members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the May 16, 2018 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of Connections Education Invoice for May; and
- d. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for the 2018-2019 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of School Facility Lease

Mr. Packer provided the Board with an update on the new school facility lease negotiations completed to date and work with Mr. Prince as Board Designee to finalize and execute the lease. He further reviewed the expected timeline for the school's move. There being no further discussion and no lease for Board consideration, this item was tabled.

b. Approval of Officers for the 2018-2019 School Year

Ms. Coleman presented this item to the Board. She reviewed with the Board each Officer position as set out in the Board-adopted Bylaws, and advised the Board that all positions would be to the Annual Meeting 2019. Nominations were opened for each position. Following the closure of nominations, and there being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of:

Gary Prince, Board President;
Adam Hall, Vice President;
Frank Thomas, Sr., Board Treasurer; and
Meka Childs, Board Secretary, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Information Items

a. State Relations Update

Mr. Michele provided the Board with an update on recent legislative activities which may impact the school.

b. Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update

There was no update at this time.

c. Board Support Update

Ms. Coleman provided an update on Board support, advising of the final stages of organizational redesign within Pearson Online & Blended Learning (POBL), including the alignment of departments and processes to better serve the school and Board. She reminded the Board of discussion earlier in the year regarding changes of the brand name from Connections Education to POBL, and further noted that the same Board support representatives from Board Relations and PSLT are expected to remain the same for the 2018-2019 school year.

d. Results of Parent Satisfaction Survey

Ms. Ebel reviewed the results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey, included in the Board materials, in detail with the Board. She noted that a third party independent vendor conducted the survey. A copy of the results of the survey was sent to the school Board's President directly from the third party vendor. The Board discussed the results in detail with Ms. Ebel.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matter – S.C.C. §30-4-70(a)(1) – for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by public body

The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:49 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via a roll call vote of all the Board members present, pursuant to S.C.C. § 30-4-70(a)(1) for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by a public body. Board members in attendance were Gary Prince, Adam Hall and Frank Thomas, Meka Childs, Rebecca Battle-Bryant, Joe Baxter and Ashley Hinson. At the invitation of the Board, guests in attendance were: Brian Rosta and Laura Coleman. All others left the meeting at this time.

After the Board concluded their discussion, the Board resumed their open session at 4:15 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via roll call vote of all the Board members present. No action was taken during Executive Session.

X. Approval of Action(s) Necessary Based on Executive Session

a. Approval of School Leader Compensation for the 2018-2019 School Year

Mr. Prince reviewed the recommended compensation for the 2018-2019 school year as discussed during the Executive Session, and requested Board approval. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the School Leader Compensation for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$115,518.23 with a 25% bonus potential, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. ET

Mr. Prince noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. ET. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.